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Beach Combings.

Next weeks PILOT will be a Lumber and Naval Stores number. We are particularly desirous of getting all the facts possible relative to those industries on and contiguous to the bay, and ask the co-operation of every one in this work. If our contributors will give us all the items possible regarding the business in their sections we shall greatly appreciate it.

The Lucy H. arrived from Pensacola yesterday.

Roswell Gay was a Panama City visitor Tuesday.

DeWitt Crosby, of Millville, was a Panama City visitor Tuesday.

A. J. Gay, of Gay, was in town a couple of days this week.

Mr Carlisle and daughter Lillian were shopping here yesterday.

Mr Ayars is putting on the plankton on his new launch this week.

M. B. Jenks and wife visited Mrs Jenks at St Andrew on Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Calhoun visited Monday with Mrs Crawford in the West End.

The Tarpon came in the bay before 9 a. m. yesterday. An early arrival.

A good gardener can find a permanent position by applying at this office.

Mrs Goodson and daughter Elsie went to Millville on the Tarpon yesterday.

Our school began the Fall term on Monday last. There is a good attendance.

Mrs A Hogeboom and baby, and Mrs May Hogeboom, returned on Tuesday from a visit at Gay.

W. W. Green and daughter Juanita, and Miss Pauline Edwards, left on Fridays Tarpon for Eufaula, Ala.

Leslie Gay is now building a 30 foot launch that will be equipped with a 10 h. p. Regal engine. It should be a fast one.

The mill has lately received a raft of logs from East Bay, and one from Watson's bayou, and has been sawing steadily the past week.

E. J. Bryan of Marianna arrived at Old Town on Friday afternoon to take Miss Margaret Erwin back home. They left late that evening.

Dr Mitchell has been under the weather the past week. The doctors numerous friends hope that he will soon be enjoying good health again.

Mr H. A. Allen and wife, Mrs McMillen, Mrs Clingo, Dr Lee, Mr Wilkerson, and Mr McCumbaa, of Millville, were visitors here on Saturday evening.

Mrs Edmund G. Crist and little son, of Pensacola, were arrivals on the Tarpon yesterday. They are visiting at Mrs A. Hogebooms, Mrs Crist's sister.

From a letter received from T. J. Thompson we learn that he has located at Dallas, Texas. T. J. still has a kindly interest in Panama City, and enjoys reading the PILOT.

The Bottling Works of McKenzie & Co. are turning out some very choice drinks these days, and their reputation is rapidly extending. They are already well and favorably known at many points on the bay, and shipments are made daily.

With the delay caused by the high tide and winds of the latter part of last week, and the scarcity of fish, but little has been done the past week by our fishermen. They are looking for a run of mullet from the 10th to the 15th of October.

Mrs J. B. Thompson, of Apalachicola, was an arrival on Fridays Tarpon. She visit her sister Mrs Hewitt. Mrs Thompson has not been having good health lately, but has improved since her arrival here. She left on Wednesday Tarpon, but will return in two weeks.

The sea was running high on Friday last at Pensacola and the weather seemed so threatening that an effort was made to hold the Tarpon at Millville, but it got away early, and the message missed them. Barring a high rolling sea no inconvenience was experienced in making the trip. It takes something more than the memory of last years hurricane to keep Capt Barrow from making time with the Tarpon.

Agricultural Statistics of Washington Co.

The PILOT herewith submits to its readers such statistics of the agricultural products of this county, with number and value of live stock, as it has been able to obtain from official sources. The figures for the year 1905 are taken from the State report for that year. Those for 1906 are from Assessor Williams official report. The 19 items reported on in 1905, that are lacking in the report for 1906, will probably not vary much if reports had been made for that year.

In upland cotton there appears to have been a decrease last year of 1521 acres, but only a decrease of 263 bales, and an increase of \$6,588 received for the lessened amount. Though there was 31 per cent less acreage the production was only decreased 17 per cent, showing a greater yield per acre for 1906 than for 1905, with an increased value per pound. In sea island there was still a greater difference the acreage for 1905 being given as 207, against 70 in 1906, with a yield of 46 bales in the former year to 25 in the latter. Here we find such an enormous increase in product per acre as to make the figures seem questionable.

In corn we have some very startling figures. Though there were 2,897 less acres in corn in 1906 than in the previous year, or 22 per cent less, there was raised 8,663 bushels more on the lessened acreage or 7 per cent increase, but the crop brought nearly \$20,000 less than for the year 1905.

Sweet potatoes show a remarkable gain in yield per acre for 1906 over 1905. In the latter year there were 1,433 acres producing 30,979 bushels; in 1906, six hundred and fifty acres yielding 38,385 bushels, but prices seem to have been lower, and not as much per bushel, was received for them. The total receipts though for the crop were about the same each year.

Peanuts show another instance of gain in yield per acre. There was a decrease of 696 acres, but an increase of 890 bushels, with a decrease in amount received therefor of \$21,680.

Hay shows an increase both in acreage and value, there being an increase from \$3,505 worth in 1905 to \$20,770 in 1906. This is gratifying in showing that our farmers begin to grow their own hay instead of sending money out of the country for it. Velvet beans our next most important forage crop shows a slight decrease.

In horses, mules, and cattle, there is an increase and a very large increase in values. In milch cows and the product therefrom there is a heavy decrease.

Poultry shows an increase of nearly one hundred per cent, with a corresponding increase in eggs sold. There is no better country in the world for raising poultry than West Florida, and some of the farmers in this country seem to be doing something at the business.

Sheep show a gratifying increase in numbers, 1884 over the previous year, with an increase in value of \$4,827, while the clip though increased proportionately to number of sheep, brought in but \$973 more than in 1905.

The total value of field crops is given for 1905 as \$626,221.00 but we have no totals for 1906 to compare with these figures.

As a whole the statistics are very unsatisfactory. The work assigned to the Assessor is far and away too great for one man to compass in the time allowed, and the extent of territory in this country renders it impossible for him to go over it all and get such returns as would enable him to make a correct report in every way. Then again there is not a sufficient sum allowed to pay an experienced man for doing this work, and the work accomplished is more creditable to the man who under all these difficulties obtains even as correct a report as is made.

	1905.		1906.			
	Aeres.	Val.	Aeres.	Val.	In'ce	De'se
Upland cotton bales	4,762	1,555	\$58,012	3,241	1,292	\$64,600 \$ 6,588
Sea Island "	207	46	3,514	70	25	2,480
Corn bus.	13,176	96,077	98,996	10,279	104,740	79,420
Oats "	414	4,050	2,471			
Sweet potatoes bus.	1,433	30,979	19,815	650	38,385	19,452
Sugar cane sy'p bls	343	2,000	23,208	176	1,936	19,360
Sugar, pounds.		556	28			
Rice "	33	473	614			
Field Peas bus.	223	2,236	2,788			
Peanuts "	2,814	77,442	73,170	2,118	74,060	51,490
Tob. open field cul.	6	1,199	423			
Tob. under shade.	1	190	76			
Velvet beans.	229	4,455	7,297	286	7,660	7,760
Rye "	6	25	50			
Hay, grasses tons.	216	221	3,505	626	1,149	20,770 17,265
Cassava "	11	72	410	2	6	120
Pecan trees n'ber.	72	bu. 5	15			
Peach "	2,846	3,277	3,815			
Pear "	1,112	bbls 895	2,224			
Grapes, pounds.		4,500	215			
Wine, gals.		205	215			
Figs, crates.		21	21			
LIVE STOCK.						
Mules, number.	717	95,180	837	114,030	18,650	
Horses, "	729	40,727	1,033	101,560	63,843	
Asses, "	1	30				
Oxen, yoke.	374	11,018	262	12,519	1,492	
Cattle native b'ds.	10,389	58,440	12,290	69,920	11,480	
Herford " g'de etc	27	1,045	21	300		
Short horn, "	4	190				
Aberdeen angus, "						
" grade, etc.	1	50				
Jerseys, " grade.	235	4,580	55	1,100		3,490
Cows, milk only.	1,173	13,844	96	3,000		10,244
Sheep, all ages.	10,471	19,303	12,315	24,630	4,827	
Goats, all ages No.	1,250	639	1,048	532		104
Hogs, "	13,971	23,175	12,686	26,537	3,362	
Poultry, "	29,092	8,291	57,538	15,116	6,825	
Poultry, " other.	1,578	607				
Eggs, dozens.	39,938	5,775	253,895	41,111	35,336	
Milk, gallons.	106,089	25,762	23,580	5,845		19,917
Butter, pounds.	19,371	5,530	6,767	1,964		3,566
Wool fleeces.		8,879		12,340	3,461	
" pounds.	25,716	8,316	37,030	9,289	973	
Honey, stands of						
beef, 1467 pounds.	24,801	2,014				
Beeswax, pounds.	1,560					

The first tropical storm of the season began to make itself manifest here on Friday last, and for a day or so we had high tides and squalls with high winds accompanying them. The direction of the wind and falling barometer indicated that the storm was well to the south of us and working westward, and barring the stopping of fishing, and the boats taking to shelter, no loss was sustained here. A high sea was running all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and the gulf beach presented a grand sight. Signal service reports shows that the storm originated as usual in the Caribbean sea, and worked west and north west, on Saturday being off the mouth of the Mississippi. It probably then turned north eastward taking the overland route to the Atlantic.

The many calls for extra copies of the Fish and Fishery number of the PILOT has exhausted our supply, large though it was. It is gratifying to note the increased attention to the PILOT and we regret that any one should be deprived of a copy who wishes one. The surest way however to receive it is to subscribe therefor and then you will not miss any of the issues, or the special numbers that will appear frequently. It is the intention of the management to double its size as soon as the power is installed to run the press, which we trust will be done ere long.

Capt Witherill with the Leonore arrived here early this morning with a large tow of logs for the mill from Laird Mill Bayou. He was accompanied by J. J. Ward, and Seth Jer-nigan.

The Jenks-Read Wedding.

We glean the following relative to the marriage of our townsman Marion B. Jenks and Miss Read, from the Fayetteville Daily, published at the home of the bride.

Yesterday afternoon at three thirty o'clock, at the beautiful suburban home of Dr. J. S. Read, the marriage of Miss Laura Read and Mr Marion Jenks of Panama City, Florida, was solemnized. The house was beautifully decorated in asparagus and fragrant clematis. As the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Sibyl Mitchell, arose, the bride entered on the arm of her father. At an altar of ferns and roses, she was met by the groom, who was attended by Mr Alec Read, brother of the bride. The bride was attired in a travelling suit of blue broadcloth, and never appeared more lovely. After the ceremony had been performed by Rev. Windiate, refreshments were served to about fifty guests. Amid a shower of rice and good wishes, Mr and Mrs Jenks departed on the four-forty train for their future home in Panama City, Florida. Numerous and costly gifts were received by the happy pair, among which was a loving cup presented by the Chi Omega Fraternity, of which the bride is a member. Their host of friends wish for them the greatest happiness.—The Fayetteville Daily.

There has been a general delay to work on the new buildings here owing to failure to secure material ordered. It is to be hoped that with the incoming of the railroad there will be no further trouble experienced in getting building material of all kinds. Many parties would be building now could they obtain lumber or building material promptly.

A. Hogeboom at his place on Harrison avenue has been getting in a supply of fancy groceries and green stuff, and will soon be in condition to furnish the bay people almost anything they wish in that line. He is selling his goods at bottom figures and it will pay the readers of the PILOT to give him a call. He expects this coming week a supply of California grapes and new apples. It will pay you to interview Ai and see what he can do for you in way of prices and stock. His goods are fresh and they are not laying on his shelves long.

A party consisting of Deputy Sheriff Hogeboom, E. M. Goodson, R. McLellan, G. H. McKenzie and M. B. Jenks, started on Tuesday evening in Mr Jenks launch for St. Andrew. As near as can be ascertained from outside sources, nothing is said by the parties themselves, they attempted to land at the west end of the town, run aground, where they were delayed until the good people of St Andrews were all abed and could not be seen by their anxious guests. One of the party had an important engagement that night but was held up to that extent that he could not keep it. The party charge the entire trouble on to Ai whom they claim was piloting the craft through those dangerous and uncharted waters.

Bayhead.

Jas. Skinner, of Chipley, was down Thursday with two drummers.

The surveyors on the B. C. & St A. R. R. are camping near here and we are listening for the train.

A small crowd of fishermen from Aycock, Fla., were down fishing last week.

A. E. Register, of St Andrew, was attending business here last week.

J. E. Keyser, and two sons, John and Perry, were shopping here Monday.

Capt S. W. Anderson, of Gay, was attending to business here Monday.

C. E. Ware with a 38 calibre rifle killed two fresh water trout Monday, the largest weighing 2½ pounds.

L. J. Seoniers, of Gloomy Valley, was shopping here Saturday.

Miss Leatie Sewell, of Haleyon, Fla., is visiting friends here this week.

C. A. Ware was visiting his folks Saturday.

F. H. Ware has his large launch the Francis hauled out for painting. The stork visited C. C. Widencamps residence leaving a fine boy.

St. Andrew.

Frank Haight, wife, and Mrs Kester were arrivals on yesterdays Tarpon.

G. H. McKenzie and A. Hogeboom made St Andrew a business call on Tuesday.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs Day is recovering from the injuries received by a fall.

J. H. Drummond and Otway Ware are expected back from British Columbia the last of this month.

Ed Hand has received the engine for his launch and will soon have it installed in the boat he bought of E. Bryan last Summer.

Capt Chesley, wife and son were passengers on yesterdays Tarpon for Carrabelle on the way to their home at Tallahassee.

Miss Jewel Booth and little Erna Peterson are now stopping with Mrs L. E. Ware. Little Erna has been in poor health recently.

W. T. Suggs was in from St Andrew with a load of salt fish Tuesday. He reports the catch small and the prices high. The Verdict will visit him regularly hereafter.—Chipley Verdict.

Miss Mattie Forrester was an outgoing passenger on the Tarpon yesterday, en route to Tallahassee where she will enter school. She was accompanied by her friend Miss Clemmie Simms who returns to her home in Marianna.

Walter Harvey returned from St Andrews Tuesday night, where he went to bring his mother and sister home. Miss Willie is still in poor health, not apparently having been benefitted by her sojourn at the Bay.—Chipley Verdict.

Mrs F. A. Witherill of Old Town entertained in honor of Miss Bessie Calhoun on Tuesday night. There were present Mr and Mrs Bert Ware, Mrs M. B. Jenks, Miss Calhoun, Mr Raymond Sheppard and R. L. McKenzie. Dainty refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening passed.

A. A. Calhoun and daughter Bessie, who have been spending the summer here, will leave for their home in Marianna on Friday. The great popularity of Miss Bessie has been best expressed by the numerous receptions held in her honor, which have been reported in the columns of the PILOT. Their many friends on the Bay regret their leaving.

Econfina.

J. H. Daffin passed here Sunday en route to Chipley.

Rev Carlisle preached here Sunday.

Panama, how did the storm serve you?

We have a few subscribers in our town for the PILOT. I don't see why we shouldn't have more, for the PILOT is an up-to-date paper and its subscribers are all glad to get it.

Jno. W. Purcell and wife visited J. W. Brown Sunday.

W. A. Pinkney is going to have a mill raising Wednesday. We hope he will get plenty of help.

E. M. Newman killed a rattlesnake near his house Monday.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Dr Booth, and we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family.

Walter and Wesley Howbs visited St Andrews last week.

G. W. Howbs mother arrived here last week from Georgia. She will spend awhile here with her children.

Miss Maggie Cox returned from St Andrews Saturday.

C. M. Chandlee, general manager of the Gulf View Land Co., was in from the Bay a few days since, and expresses himself as well pleased with the business he is doing at this time. The company has some valuable real estate holding on and near the Bay, and a number of choice lots adjoining Panama City. The Bay Country is building up rapidly, and will take on a boom sure enough as soon as the railroad reaches there, which will be only a short while now as it is rapidly forging ahead.—Chipley Verdict.